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Dear DOJ:

While I am no particular fan of Microsoft and some of the techniques they have used, I do not believe that most of their actions are illegal. You have successfully focused on a few that are and I believe have come up with a fair compromise.

In my job, that of an independent consultant, I work with technology and Microsoft products daily. Competition is good and it is there now. Let the market make the bigger adjustments. If Microsoft does not clean up their products, and improve their service and support, the public will start to move elsewhere. In fact, I believe this has already started. This is heart of the free market or free enterprise system. Once government gets too involved, the economy, the consumer, and everyone starts to pay big time!

So push this agreement through! It is good and it is fair! And none of the rest of it should ever have been a consideration. Because it has been, our economy -- particularly the technology industry, as reflected in the NASDAQ -- has already paid enough!!!

Thanks!

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